

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

President (US Constitution Art. II, Sec. 1 and Amend. XX)

Qualifications:

1. Must be a natural born citizen of the US
2. Thirty-five (35) years of age
3. Resident of the US for 14 years

Term:

Four (4) years – Take office noon January 20th

US Senator (US Constitution Art. I, Sec. 3 and Amend. XX)

Two from each state

Qualifications:

1. Thirty (30) years of age
2. Nine (9) years a citizen of the US
3. Resident of the state
4. Must be a qualified, registered voter in North Carolina

Term:

Six (6) years – Take office noon January 3rd

US House of Representatives (US Constitution Art. I, Sec. 2 and Amend. XX)

Representatives are based on population – North Carolina has 13

Qualifications:

1. Twenty Five (25) years of age
2. Seven (7) years a citizen of the US
3. Resident of the state in which he shall be chosen
4. Must be a qualified, registered voter in North Carolina

Term: Two (2) years – Take office noon January 3rd

Governor (NC Constitution of NC Art III, Sec. 2)

1. At least 30 years of age
2. Citizen of the US for five years
3. A resident of NC for two (2) years immediately preceding his election
4. A qualified voter of NC
5. Shall not be eligible for election to more than two consecutive terms of the same office

Lieutenant Governor (NC Constitution of NC Art III, Sec. 2)

1. At least 30 years of age
2. A citizen of the US for five years
3. A resident of NC for two (2) years immediately preceding his election
4. A qualified voter of NC
5. Shall not be eligible for election to more than two consecutive terms of the same office

Council of State (NC Constitution of NC Art III, Sec. 7 and Art VI, Sec 6)

1. A qualified NC voter
2. At least 21 years of age

The only exception is the office of Attorney General, which requires a person authorized to practice law in the courts of this state

Offices include:

Secretary of State
Auditor
Treasurer
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Attorney General
Commissioner of Agriculture
Commissioner of Labor
Commissioner of Insurance

Terms: Four (4) years commencing on the first day of January after their election.

Judicial (NC Constitution Art VI, Sec. 6, Sec. 18, and Sec. 22)

Qualifications

1. Individual must be at least 21 years of age
2. A qualified NC voter
3. Duly authorized to practice law in the courts of NC
4. Superior court judges, District court judges, and District Attorneys must be a resident of the judicial district

Terms: Below listed years commencing on the first day of January after their election.

Supreme Court Justice – 8 years

Appellate Judge – 8 years

Superior Court Judge – 8 years

District Court Judge – 4 years

District Attorney – 4 years

Clerk of Superior Court (NC Constitution Art IV, Sec. 9 and Art VI, Sec. 6)

Qualifications

1. Individual must be at least 21 years of age
2. A qualified NC voter

Term: Four (4) years, from the first Monday in December next after election

NC Senate (Art II, Sec. 6)

Qualifications

1. Individual must be at least 25 years of age at the time on his election
2. A qualified voter of the State
3. Resided in the State as a citizen for two years and in the District for which he is chosen for one year immediately preceding his election

Term: Two (2) years, commencing on the first day of January next after their election

NC House of Representatives (Art II, Sec. 7 and Art VI, Sec. 6 and Sec 9)

Qualifications

1. A qualified voter of the State
2. Resided in the district for which he is chosen for one year immediately preceding his election.
3. Twenty one years of age

Term: Two (2) years, commencing on the first day of January next after their election

Board of Commissioners (NC Constitution Art VI, Sec 6)

Qualifications

1. A qualified voter in the county (and district if required)
2. Twenty one (21) years of age

Term: Four (4) years, from the first Monday in December next after election

Sheriff (GS 162) (NC Constitution Art VI, Sec 6)

Qualifications

1. A qualified voter in the county
2. Twenty one (21) years of age
3. Must be a resident of the county one year immediately preceding his election to office (GS 162-2)

Term: Four (4) years, from the first Monday in December next after election

Register of Deeds (GS-161) (NC Constitution Art VI, Sec 6)

Qualifications

1. A qualified voter in the county
2. Twenty one (21) years of age

Term: Four (4) years, from the first Monday in December next after election

Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors (GS 139-6 and 139-7)

Qualifications

1. A qualified voter in the county
2. Twenty one (21) years of age

District shall consist of three elected members and two appointed members
The election shall be non-partisan and no primary.
The candidate shall pay a filing fee of five dollars (\$5.00)

Term: Elected and appointed members
Four (4) years, from the first Monday in December following their election

CATAWBA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CITY SCHOOL UNIT

A. Type of Election – Non-Partisan Plurality

B. Method of Selecting Members:

1. All candidates for the Catawba County Board of Education are elected at large by the electors in Catawba County who reside outside the boundaries of the Hickory and Newton-Conover Administrative School Units.

Members are elected every four years.

Members shall take office and qualify on the first Monday in December following their election.

3. Filing Period – Candidates must file notice with the Catawba County Board of Elections not earlier than noon on the first Monday in June and not later than noon on the first Friday in July in the year of the election.
4. Filing Fee - \$10.00
5. Filling Vacancies – Vacancies in the membership of the board occurring for any reason shall be filled immediately by the remaining members of the board of education. The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve until the next election of members of the board of education, at which time a person shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.
6. The board consists of seven members.

HICKORY CITY ADMINISTRATIVE CITY SCHOOL UNIT

A. Type of Election – Non-Partisan Plurality

B. Method of Selecting Members:

1. The Board consists of six wards and one at-large seat. The electors that reside within each ward elect the wards and the electors that reside within the boundaries of the Hickory City Administrative School Unit elect the at-large seat.

2. Members are elected every four years.

Members shall take office and qualify on the first Monday in December following their election.

3. Filing Period – Candidates must file notice with the Catawba County Board of Elections not earlier than noon on the twelfth Friday before the election and not later than 5 pm on the ninth Friday before the election.

4. Filing Fee - \$5.00

5. Filling Vacancies – Vacancies in the membership of the board occurring for any reason shall be filled immediately by the remaining members of the board of education. The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve until the next election of members of the board of education, at which time a person shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

6. The board consists of seven members.

NEWTON-CONOVER CITY ADMINISTRATIVE CITY SCHOOL UNIT

A. Type of Election – Non-Partisan Plurality

B. Method of Selecting Members:

1. The Board consists of two districts and the electors that reside within each district elect the candidates:

Newton District – Three members.

Conover District – Three members.

2. Members are elected every four years.

Members shall take office and qualify on the first Monday in December following their election.

3. Filing Period – Candidates must file notice with the Catawba County Board of Elections not earlier than noon on the twelfth Friday before the election and not later than noon on the ninth Friday before the election.

4. Filing Fee - \$5.00

5. Filling Vacancies – Vacancies in the membership of the board occurring for any reason shall be filled immediately by the remaining members of the board of education. The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve until the next election of members of the board of education, at which time a person shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

6. The board consists of six members.